

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that John A.
6 Russell is retiring after sixty years of service as clerk of
7 Catlin Township; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in California, John A. Russell moved to
9 Catlin as a small child; he studied bookkeeping and typing in
10 high school and went on to take additional classes at a
11 business college in Danville; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the years, John A. Russell owned and
13 operated a gas station, worked for a local feed supply
14 business, and worked as a bookkeeper in a number of
15 situations; currently he is a bookkeeper for Campbell's
16 Disposal in Catlin; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1941, John A. Russell began his six decade
18 tenure as clerk of Catlin Township; in addition to his
19 service as clerk, he served for forty years as Catlin's
20 village clerk and for thirty years as the clerk of the local
21 school board; and

22 WHEREAS, John A. Russell enjoyed the role of clerk during
23 his tenure; he took it seriously, missing a township meeting
24 only once in his sixty years because he happened to be in the
25 hospital; he also had a deep love for the Catlin community
26 and its residents; and

27 WHEREAS, John A. Russell was the recipient of many honors
28 and commendations over the years, including being named
29 Catlin's Man of the Year in 1961, and letters of recognition
30 from State officials commending him on his career in service;
31 and

1 WHEREAS, John A. Russell is supported by his loving and
2 very proud family, who include his wife, Lois, and his
3 daughters; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate John A. Russell on his retirement from a
7 career sixty years of service as clerk for Catlin Township;
8 and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to John A. Russell as an expression of our esteem.